Misuse of plots in Saket

531. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a colony was created in Village Neb Sarai near Saket in New Delhi for freedom fighters;

(b) the number of freedom fighters that were allotted plots in this colony;

(c) the number of non-freedom fighters that were also given plots in this colony;

(d) the number of freedom fighters which have sold their plots; and

(e) whether there is any complaint about misuse of plots pending with his Ministry or DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mass Rapid Transit Local System in Mumbai

532. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sought Government's approval and sanction for 95 per cent equity participation and 50 per cent viability gap funding for the proposed Rs. 1500 crore Mass Rapid Transit Local System along Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal when it was received and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether similar support besides excise and customs concessions, were also granted for the Delhi Metro system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has proposed to construct a Light Rail Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor (15.0 Km) on Build, Own Operate & Transfer (BOOT) basis, at an estimated cost of Rs 1500 crore (April' 03 prices), for which they have sought a contribution to the extent of 50% of the equity and viability gap funding, from the Government

of India. The Detailed project report for this project was received in February, 2005 and the 'in-principle' approval for this project was given by the Planning Commission in April, 2005. The State Government has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. The requirement of financial assistance from the Central Government, for this project, is to be considered under the scheme of viability gap funding announced by the Ministry of Finance. A firm estimation of the requirement of funds will be possible only after the bidding process undertaken by the State Government is complete.

(c) There is no viability gap funding in the Delhi Metro system. The total equity contribution from the Central Government is about 15% of the project cost. Excise and customs concessions have been granted for Delhi Metro System.

Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project

533. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1337 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 2005 and state:

(a) by when the comprehensive proposal for transforming the Mumbai City into a world class city whereunder Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II, will be taken care of, is likely to be formulated;

(b) the number of meetings has so far been held in this regard; and

(c) the estimated expenditure is likely to be spent on the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The World Bank teams visited Mumbai twice last year and held extensive discussion with officials of Government of Maharashtra and with Task Force, appointed by the Chief Minister for preparing an Action Plan to develop Mumbai into a world class city. The World Bank team, which visited Mumbai from 8th to 21st November, 2005 has proposed a time schedule for Action Plan preparation relating to the Mumbai Development Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan involves action by State Government on a comprehensive package of key reforms, investing and financing. As per time schedule, prepared by World Bank, the Action Plan is expected to be launched in December, 2006. The State Government has been